THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) United Bank of India has not reported any unsatisfactory man-power position in its offices/branches in Assam. The recruitment for officers in United Bank of India and of the clerical staff for all the public sector banks, including United Bank of India, for their branches coming within the jurisdiction of Banking Service Recruitment Board, Guwahati covering the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Manipur is made by Banking Service Recruitment Board, Guwahati. While officers recruited by the Banking Service Recruitment Board for United Bank of India have all-India transfer liability, the candidate recruited for clerical cadre post are allotted to the vrious banks for posting within the State allotted to them. The system of recruitment is weighted in favour of recruitment of local people.

Allotment of staff quarters by A.I.

3326. SHRI MANMOHAN MATHUR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2508 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 1991 and state :

(a) what are the reasons for the delay in allotment of the staff quarters in Air India Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi; and

(b) by when the above quarters are likely to be allotted to the eligible employees?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The wait list of employees for allotment of category 'A' has been exhausted. Applications are being processed for the new list and allotments would be made immediately after the wait list is finalised by the Housing Allotment Advisory Committee.

Construction of a air strip in Sikkim

3327. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Sikkim have proposed to the Central Government for the construction of an air strip in that State ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The feasibility for construction of an airport at Pangthang (Gangtok) in Sikkim was examined by a Committee which observed that such a construction was not financially viable.

Tourism Task Force Cell in I.T.D.C.

3328. DR. Z.A. AHMED : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what was the aim and objectives with which the Tourism Task Force Cell was created in India Tourism Development Corporation's Head Office during 1991;

(b) what was the criterion and justification for appointing a retired persons from Air Lines, with the experience and background of a Flight Purser, as the Director of the said Tourism Task Force in ITDC; and

(c) what quantum of amount has been spent by ITDC on the establishment and maintenance of the said Tourism Task Force Cell, till date besides the details of amount claimed and paid as TA / DA, entertainment, Telephones / telex and salary and wages of the Executives of Tourism Task Force till 29th February, 1992 and list of persons who availed the air travels?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The India Tourism Development Corporation set up a Tourism Task Force Cell in May,

1991 for identifying and developing new areas of Tourism potential.

(b) The Tourism Task Force Cell in ITDC is functioning under the over all supervision and control of Corporate Services and Human Resources Development Division headed by a Senior Vice-President. The Director of this cell is not a newly appointed officer but has been with ITDC as a Consultant since August, 1988.

(c) The functionaries of TTF Cell have been drawn from various divisions / units of ITDC and they continue to get salaries from their respective divisions / units. The amounts claimed / paid as TA / DA, entertainment telephone, telex till 29.2.92 are :

(a)	TA / DA	Rs. *2.37 lakhs
(b)	Entertainement	*0.05 lakhs
(c)	Expenditure on Telephone / Telex	*1.61 lakhs

*The figures are provisional and subject to audit.

National amount of debits for office space of TTF in Samrat Hotel, New Delhi. @14.35 lakhs

@Till March 1992

Office equipment / furniture 1.86 lakhs

The list of executives who were allowed air travel are :

(1) Shri Naval Rai, Director (TTF)

(2) Ms Roma Grover, Dy. Coordinater (TTF)

(3) Shri Sudhanshoo Sood, Chief (Tpt) TTF

(4) Shri Arvind Kaila, Project Executive (TTF)

(5) Shri Nitin Joshi, Project Executive (TTF)

Integrated Management system in India Tourism Development Corporation

3329. DR. Z.A. AHMAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the aims and objectives with which the Integrated Management Cadre system at the level of Deputy General Managers and above was introduced in India Tourism Development Corporation Limited some years back;

(b) whether the above system has been implemented in letter and spirit in ITDC so far; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, what steps are being taken / have been taken by ITDC / Government to implement the same without any further delay?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The Integrated Management Cadre was introduced by ITDC with the objective of providing better promotional prospects to the executives in the non-specialised cadre.

(b) The concept of Integrated Management Cadre has been embodied in the Recruitment, Promotion & Seniority Rules of the Corporation and all promotions are done accordingly.

(c) Does not arise.

Appointment of loaders in Indian Airlines

3330. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 928 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2.12.91 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during the extended period of 1986 panel for appointment as loaders in Indian Airlines 34 candidates were called for duty whereas only 26 candidates joined;

(b) whether he has received any representation for giving appointment to next eight left over candidates from the 1986 panel of loaders in Indian Airlines;

(c) if so, whether instructions have been passed on to Indian Airlines authorities for giving job to eight candidates of 1986; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) During the extended period of 1½ years, a total of 50 candidates (out of which 34 were in November, 1989) were offered appointment. Thirty four candidates (including 26 from the offers made in November, 1989) joined duty.

(b) No, Sir.